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THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR
WASHINGTON

January 21, 1920.

Dear Dr. Falconer:-

I am leaving the Cabinet shortly to enter the practice of law in New York. Under these circumstances, it will be impracticable for me to deliver the lectures that you so kindly asked me to make during the present season. I need not tell you that I appreciate your invitation and would like to fulfill the engagement, but my plans now are so uncertain, I do not know what time I will have.

Cordially yours,

Dr. Robert A. Falconer,
President, University of Toronto,
Toronto, Canada.

THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR
WASHINGTON

November 18, 1919.

Dear Dr. Falconer:-

I have your letter of November 14th and I recall with pleasure your visit here. I should be very glad indeed to deliver the lectures at the University, but I cannot tell now just how I will be situated in the future as to the possibility of getting away from Washington for the time necessary to do it. If you do not have to make definite arrangements until say the first of the year, I would be very glad to be allowed to consider the matter again at that time and to let you know whether it could be possible for me to accept.

With kind personal regards,

Cordially yours,

Franklin K Lane

Dr. Robert A. Falconer,
President, University of Toronto,
Toronto, Canada.

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January 7th, 1920.

The Honourable F. K. Lane,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Lane:

As we are now beginning the work of our second term will you allow me to remind you of your promise to let me know early in the year whether it would be possible for you to accept our invitation to deliver a course of three lectures in the University of Toronto during the coming spring. The time that would be most convenient for us would be about the second half of the month of March.

The terms of the lectureship, as I wrote you before, are that the lectures are to be delivered by some outstanding public man who will deal with some aspect of the public life of the United States. Our honorarium for the three lectures would be six hundred dollars.

I hope that the stress of your public duties is not so great at present as to not allow you to come to us.

Wishing you a happy New Year, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

November 24th, 1919

The Honourable F. K. Lane,
Secretary of the Interior,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Lane:

I am greatly pleased to know that there is a possibility of your coming to deliver the lectures at the University, and of course we will be glad to wait until the beginning of the year in the hope that this possibility will be realised.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

November 14th, 1919

The Honourable Franklin K. Lane,
Minister of the Interior,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Lane:

You may possibly recall a visit which you were kind enough to allow me to pay you in Washington in July 1917. At that time you spoke to me about Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia and we found that we had mutual acquaintances in these Provinces. With this introduction will you allow me to make a request of you.

Several years ago a bequest of $5000 was made to the University of Toronto by an American lady, Mrs. Lydia A. Hartleet of Prophetstown, Illinois, to found a lectureship in the University of Toronto in memory of her late husband. The Governors of the University have undertaken to appoint at least once in every four years some person to deliver a course of lectures on this foundation, the lecturer to be chosen with regard to his special ability to set forth some phase or phases of the national movements of the United States or Canada. The first lectures on this foundation were delivered by the Honourable W. H. Taft, who took as his subject the "Duties of the Presidential Office". At the request of the Board of Governors of the University I am writing to ask you whether you would be kind enough to honour the University by delivering a course of three lectures next March if possible in fulfilment of the terms of the lectureship.

We can offer an honorarium of $600 for the lectures and of course we shall be delighted to entertain you.

If you cannot come in March, is there any later time that you could be with us ? I may assure you that you will be gladly welcomed to Canada and that your visit would be appreciated not only for your own sake but as serving to render a service in making the two countries more intimate of their knowledge, the one with the other. With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.